(d) Aid to registered/private/approved coconut nurseries.

Board is providing financial assistance @ Rs.6 lakhs for seed garden (big unit) and Rs. 2 lakh for coconut nursery (small unit) for promoting quality seedling production in the private sector.

III. Expansion of Area under Coconut:

Under this programme incentive subsidy is extended to small and marginal farmers to take up new planting/under planting of coconut @ Rs. 8000 per ha in wo annual instalments.

IV.Technology Mission on Coconut:

Productivity improvement through management of pest and diseases, product diversification and Market promotion are the main objectives of Technology Mission. So far, 28 projects have been sanctioned.

Availability of agricultural land

3043. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that availability of agricultural land has shrunk due to construction of houses and buildings over the years;

(b) the area under cultivation during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the sale of land is due to the remunerative price it fetches as compared to the return from the agricultural produce particularly for lower and middle level farmers;

(d) if so, the steps taken to ban sale of agricultural land for other purposes; and

(e) the land distributed to landless labourers during the last three years in different States/UTs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) As per latest Land Use Statistics, the total agricultural land in the country had fluctuated between 183.4 million hectares in the year 2003-04 and 183.0 million hectares in 2000-01.

(b) State-wise areas under cultivation during the three years (2001-02 to 2003-04) are given in the enclosed statement-l (See below)

(c) and (d) Land and its management is a State subject and, therefore, it is for the States to formulate suitable steps to ban sale of agricultural land for other uses. However, Govemment of India have issued National Land Use Policy Outlines to all the States and Union Territories to take necessary steps to stop conversion of agricultural land and check diversion of highly productive land for non agricultural purposes. Some of the States are having legislative mandate while some other states are having executive instructions in this regard.

(e) Land distributed State-wise under the categories of ceiling surplus land, Boodhan land, Government wastelands including landless labourers are given in the Statement-ll.

Statement-l

State-wise Area under Cultivation
(2001-02 to 2003-04)

(Thousand Hactares)

State/Union Territory	Area under Cultivation
1	2
Year	
Andhra Pradesh	
2001-02	13417
2002-03	13121
2003-04	13154
Arunachal Pradesh	
2001-02	195
2002-03	195
2003-04	195
Assam	
2001-02	2873
2002-03	2873
2003-04	2873

1	2
Bihar	
2001-02	6226
2002-03	6225
2003-04	6225
Chhattisgarh	
2001-02	5042
2002-03	5027
2003-04	5027
Goa	
2001-02	141
2002-03	141
2003-04	141
Gujarat	
2001-02	10354
2002-03	10411
2003-04	10552
Haryana	
2001-02	3739
2002-03	3691
2003-04	3726
Himachal Pradesh	
2001-02	606
2002-03	605
2003-04	605
Jammu & Kashmir	
2001-02	831
2002-03	824
2003-04	825

1	2
Jharkhand	
2001-02	3013
2002-03	3013
2003-04	3013
Karnataka	
2001-02	11760
2002-03	11669
2003-04	11700
Kerala	
2001-02	2270
2002-03	2259
2003-04	2259
Madhya Pradesh	
2001-02	15495
2002-03	15514
2003-04	15544
Maharashtra	
2001-02	18841
2002-03	18834
2003-04	18796
Manipur	
2001-02	216
2002-03	212
2003-04	218
Meghalaya	
2001-02	295
2002-03	295
2003-04	289

1	2
Mizoram	
2001-02	126
2002-03	134
2003-04	136
Nagaland	
2001-02	419
2002-03	411
2003-04	419
Orissa	
2001-02	6165
2002-03	6165
2003-04	6165
Punjab	
2001-02	4278
2002-03	4265
2003-04	4256
Rajasthan	
2001-02	18584
2002-03	17495
2003-04	18670
Sikkim	
2001-02	118
2002-03	113
2003-04	115
Tamil Nadu	
2001-02	6198
2002-03	6093
200304	5643

1	2
Tripura	
2001-02	281
2002-03	281
2003-04	281
Uttaranchal	
2001-02	861
2002-03	861
2003-04	861
Uttar Pradesh	
2001-02	17838
2002-03	17844
2003-04	18059
West Bengal	
2001-02	5811
2002-03	5735
2003-04	5903
A&N Island	
2001-02	18
2002-03	18
2003-04	18
Chandigarh	
2001-02	2
2002-03	2
2003-04	2
D & H Haveli	
2001-02	24
2002-03	24
2003-04	24

1	2
Daman & Diu	
2001-02	2
2002-03	2
2003-04	2
Delhi	
2001-02	40
2002-03	40
2003-04	39
Lakshadweep	
2001-02	3
2002-03	3
2003-04	3
Pondicherry	
2001-02	25
2002-03	25
2003-04	24
All India	
2001-02	156109
2002-03	154420
2003-04	155762

NB: Area under cultivation is defined as the sum of Net Area Sown and "Current Fallow".

Annexure-ll

Statement-Il

State-wise Distribution of Ceiling Surplus Land, Boodhan land and Government Wasteland to Rural Landless Labourers

(Area in lakh acres)

State/UTs	Ceiling surplus land (as on 31st March, 2006)	Boodhan land (as on 31st March, 2006)	Waste land (as on 25th May, 2006)
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	5.89	1.1	42.02
Assam	5.46	0.01	5.89
Bihar$	3.07	2.01	13.21
Gujarat	1.57	0.27	13.81
Goa	NA	N.A.	0.05
Haryana	1.01	0.02	0
Himachal Pradesh	0.06	Neg.	0.17
Jammu & Kashmir	Nil	Neg.	Nil
Karnataka	1.24	0.05	13.72
Kerala	0.77	0.02	4.57
Madhya Pradesh#	1.34	1.41	0.79
Maharashtra	6.15	0.27	10.23
Manipur	0.02	N.A.	0.32
Orissa	1.59	5.8	7.26
Punjab	1.01	0.01	1.1
Rajasthan	4.64	1.15	1.12

1	2	3	4
Tamil Nadu	1.88	0.21	2.89
Tripura	0.02		1.32
Uttar Pradesh*	2.61	4.21	24.89
West Bengal	11.01	Nil	4.32
D&N HAVELI	0.07	N.A.	Nil
Delhi	0.00	N.A.	0.06
Pondicherry	0.01	N.A.	N.A.
TOTAL	49.40	16.54	147.74

MA. - Not available

$ - Including Jharkhand

\# - Including Chhattisgarh

* - Including Uttaranchal

Agricultural revolution in NER

3044. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allocate Rs. 418 crores for agricultural revolution in the NE region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also propose to bring such a revolution in other poverty-stricken backward regions of the country such as Orissa, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, etc., to improve their standards of agriculture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?